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SUBJECT: SPAIN: RESPONSE TO DEAD SEA DONORS' MEETING
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1. Poloff delivered reftel points on July 11 to Alberto Moreno, Subdirector General for Middle East Affairs at the Spanish MFA. Moreno confirmed that Spain had received its invitation to the donors' meeting and would have a delegation in attendance both days. He indicated that the Spanish delegation would be headed by Ricardo Martinez, Director General of Cooperation for Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, and would also include: Moreno; the Spanish Ambassador to Jordan; and an additional representative from the Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional (AECI), the Spanish aid agency. Finally, Moreno said that Spain had disbursed approximately half (143 million USD) of the 300 million USD it pledged during the Madrid donors' conference and anticipated disbursing an additional 17 million USD by the end of 2005. The Spanish aid package amounts include the estimated monetary cost of supplemental programs, such as: reconstruction projects, medical supplies and training courses. The remainder of Spain's aid package, valued by the Spanish government at approximately 140 million USD, will be disbursed over time through 2007.
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